

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (DMH)  
COMPREHENSIVE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES (CPS)  
STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 24, 2008  
Jefferson City, Missouri**

**Members Present:** Robert Qualls, Helen Minth, Donna Lay, Mark O'Toole, Mary Lou Bussabarger, Karren Jones, Kim Johnson, Erica Stephens, Liz Hagar-Mace, Mariann Atwell, Greg Markway, Jessica Johnson, Glenda Meachum-Cain, Sandra Hamilton

**Members Absent:** Linda Clarke, Sarah Stanton, Al Henning, Suzanne Taggart

**Visitors:** Bob Bussabarger

**DMH Staff:** Dr. Joe Parks, Clive Woodward, Tish Thomas, Susan Blume, Lisa Badgley

**SAC Staff:** Rosie Anderson-Harper, Melissa Hoelscher

| TOPIC/ISSUE                     | DISCUSSION  | ACTION/PENDING<br>Responsible<br>Due Date |
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| CALL TO ORDER                   | Robert Qualls called the meeting of the CPS-SAC to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2008. The meeting was held at the Department of Mental Health, 1706 East Elm St., Jefferson City, Missouri, in Conference Room B.  |   |
| INTRODUCTIONS/<br>PACKET REVIEW | Welcome and introductions were facilitated by Robert Qualls. Robert's opening story reflected on a conversation Robert had with a friend who works for the Department of Housing in Mississippi. The conversation revolved around stress and pressure in today's society. The various crises involving the price of gasoline, the price of groceries, the various banks closing, etc. Robert also reflected on some issues and crises facing those without mental illness, including stress from working out budgets, and generally surviving in today's world. Robert offered up |   |

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| <p><b>PERFORMANCE<br/>OUTCOMES &amp; DATA</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>BLOCK GRANT<br/>DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>MENTAL HEALTH<br/>AWARENESS DAY<br/>COMMITTEE UPDATE</b></p> | <p>the thought that those who do suffer from mental illness might be helpful to those who are not suffering from mental illness, in dealing with the anxiety and stress of today's world; as those who suffer from mental illness know what it is like to live that way on a day-to-day basis. Reflecting on various slogans of years past, Robert suggested everyone should follow the advice of the hippy generation and, "stop and smell the roses."</p> <p>Clive Woodward reported on the most updated information regarding the performance measures that each division reports to the Mental Health Commission on a quarterly basis. (See handout for details.)</p> <p>Dr. Joe Parks reported to SAC on the budget priorities, privatization, and consumer health records. Dr. Parks reported that there was no new information regarding the consumer health records. Dr. Parks reported on the privatization issues of Western Missouri Mental Health Center in Kansas City, Missouri. He reported that a Proposal of Concept has been received from Truman Medical Center for possible partnering. The proposal from Truman states that there could be a transition period of one to two years under which DMH releases the physical plant of the treatment facility and Truman would pay DMH to use their staff. The stakeholder concerns are that there will be limited access to inpatient beds. The advantage of privatizing the hospital is financial. Potentially fifteen million could be gained by privatizing. The additional dollars could address the 25% vacancy rate for nursing and psychiatric positions. Dr. Parks also reported on the budget. He stated that the DMH Executive Team was working on the internal budget and August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Mental Health Commission will discuss.</p> <p>Rosie Anderson-Harper gave an update on the Mental Health Block Grant. She led a discussion asking the State Advisory Council to give strengths and weaknesses of the Service System to be included in the Block Grant. SAC members identified many strengths and some weaknesses in the service system.</p> <p>Helen Minth reported on the Mental Health Awareness Day Committee's decisions thus far for the upcoming 2009 Mental Health Awareness Day. She reported that the date for the 2009 MHAD will be Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and the focus of this year's MHAD will be advocacy. Helen also reported that they have a</p> |  |
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| <p><b>MEMBERS REPORTS<br/>AND<br/>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> | <p>draft contract developed for approximately \$7,500 for coordinating the exhibits, tent, posters, flyers, and marketing the event online. The contractor will arrange for sponsors of lunch and afternoon snacks. Helen also reported that the slogan is still being worked on for MHAD.</p> <p>Sandra Hamilton reported that she had received certification to teach several NAMI training events. She also reported that a Capacity Building grant from Catholic Charities has been received to start the parent group.</p> <p>Kim Johnson reported that the Medicaid rate will be increased to 52.5% of the Medicare rate.</p> <p>Donna Lay reported that her daughter has submitted an application for the Youth Advisory Council which is forming.</p> <p>Liz Hagar-Mace reported that the grant application submitted by the Housing Unit in April for Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans in St. Louis, MO, was funded. She also reported that the Homeless Programs notice of funding availability has come out and there are new components.</p> <p>Mariann Atwell reported that the Department of Corrections has focused on the re-entry of offenders back into the communities. She gave a summary of many of the re-entry efforts.</p> |  |
| <p><b>BUSINESS MEETING</b></p>                          | <p><b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Karren Jones moved that the May meeting minutes be accepted. Donna Lay seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously in favor. The minutes were approved.</p> <p>Helen Minth moved that the June meeting minutes be accepted with one revision. Karren Jones seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously in favor. The minutes were approved.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p>                              | <p>Suicide Prevention Week will be September 7 – 13, 2008. Posters and brochures were available for SAC members to distribute in their communities. The final copy of the letter regarding the Block Grant reduction was also a topic of old business</p>  |  |

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| <p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> | <p>discussed. The 2009 Mental Health Champions Award nominations form is available. Forms were in the SAC meeting folders and are available on the DMH website.</p> <p>The new business discussed included the Respect Seminars. Mileage will be reimbursed for SAC members co-hosting the event in their area. Robert Qualls will be attending the 2008 Alternatives Conference from Oct. 29 – Nov. 3, 2008 in Buffalo, NY. The Peer Specialist Training was also discussed. The first Peer Specialist training is scheduled for September 29 through October 3, 2008.</p> |   |
| <p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>      | <p>Jessica Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Donna Lay seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously in favor. The State Advisory Council for the Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services adjourned at 2:05 pm on July 24, 2008.</p>  | <p>Next Meeting of SAC will be on August 28, 2008, at the DMH central office.</p> |